

Appl. No. 09/837,371
Amendment dated: July 10, 2003
Reply to OA of: June 10, 2003

REMARKS

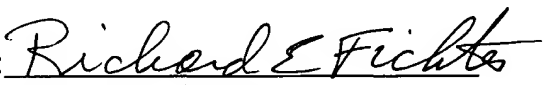
The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicant elects the Group I invention, drawn to a method of autologous therapeutic transplantation therapy, which includes claims 2, 4-9 and 11-16, without traverse. Applicant has canceled claims 3, 10 and 17-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

Applicant acknowledges item 5 in the Official Action in which the Examiner indicates that the Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 were not delivered to the Examiner and requested copies of each. Applicant submits herewith copies of the Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 which were filed on August 17, 2001 and also submits copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 which were filed on February 1, 2002 for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in these papers in the next Official Action in accordance with prescribed procedures.

In view of the election of the Group I invention, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
BACON & THOMAS, PLLC

By: 
Richard E. Fichter
Registration No. 26,382

625 Slaters Lane, 4th Fl.
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Phone: (703) 683-0500
Facsimile: (703) 683-1080
REF:kdd
A01.wpd
July 9, 2003